

# Town of Westwood

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## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### **Minutes: Town of Westwood Conservation Commission Meeting**

**Date: July 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: Champagne Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street, Westwood, MA**

#### **7:00 p.m.**

The Conservation Commission meeting of July 11, 2018 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Champagne Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street with the following members present: John Rogers, Helen Gordon, Todd Sullivan, Charles Pare and associate member Vesna Maneva. Also present is Karon Skinner Catrone, Conservation Agent.

**Approval of minutes** – June 27, 2018 – tabled to the next meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to appoint Vesna Maneva to a full member to allow the meeting to continue with the proper quorum. Unanimous.

#### **Discussion Items**

1. Current significant projects – Mr. Rogers states Tom Flaherty, Phil Paridis, Ms. Catrone, Mr. Glossa and I met at Reynolds Farm to discuss the remaining work at the site. Mr. Flaherty of P. J. Hayes is a potential contractor who may accept the responsibility of finishing the remaining work. The Commission is currently waiting for a signed agreement between Mr. Musto and the Town.
2. Open Space and Recreation Plan – in progress
3. Firms that have prepared Conservation Land Management Plans – Ms. Gordon states she will invite firms that have done Land Management Plans for other communities to our upcoming meetings to do presentations on their experience with similar projects.
4. Discussion of wetland boundary markers – Mr. Rogers states we need a description of what the Commission requires, a detail of the marker and a location the markers can be purchased. It would be best to find a local company that can make the markers. Ms. Catrone will look into this.
5. Commissioner's observations around town and next scheduled site visits – Mr. Rogers states the Commission members should not only look at new projects but also at projects in progress.
6. Change to bylaw – abutter's notification – Ms. Catrone explains that Ms. Loughnane has requested that the Commission discuss modifying the current abutter notification procedure. She feels the Commission should have the responsibility of sending out the notices. Ms. Gordon states she disagrees with this from a legal perspective. If there is a problem with the mailing this would fall on the Commission whereas now this is the requirement of the applicant.

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7. Reserved for topics not reasonably anticipated to be discussed – Mr. Rogers suggests the members look at the Gay Street sidewalk project on the town website. There are four options which include wetland impacts involved with each option. He states he is impressed with the work the town has been doing.

**Hearings**

**Notice of Intent –DEP #338 – 125 Conant Street – Malone** – Addition and deck

Present is John Glossa of Glossa Engineering representing John Malone. Mr. Glossa states the applicant is proposing an addition and deck and is renovating the house. The wetland was flagged by Deb Anderson. Ms. Gordon asks if there is a sump pump.

Mr. Glossa states he did not see one. The house is connected to town sewer and water. We are proposing Infiltration for a 1 inch storm for the new roof. He has shown a box on the plan for a patio or deck. The owner has not decided which they would prefer. He states decks and patios are exempt under the Wetland Protection Act as long as the work is 50 feet away.

**Motion made by Ms. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to issue an Order of Conditions with the condition a revised plan showing a detail of the paver installation, four wetland markers, change label from Construction Entrance to Construction Exit and deck and new pervious surfaces. Unanimous.**

**Notice of Intent –DEP #338-06 – 397 Nahatan Street – Fitzgerald** – Sewer tie-in

Present is John Glossa, representing Paul Fitzgerald. Mr. Glossa states Mr. Fitzgerald has recently purchased the house. In order to close on the property a title V test was required. The system failed the title V test. Mr. Glossa originally considered going around the other side of the house (away from the wetlands) but more trees would be lost. The existing system will be abandoned by filling with sand or crushing the system.

The pipe is 2” and will be installed no less than 24” and not more than 36” in the ground, as opposed to the typical 4’ because the material in the pipe will be drawn back into a 1500 gallon storage tank which will leave the pipe dry. It is very important that the pipe is installed flat.

Ms. Gordon inquires about buoyancy. Mr. Glossa states the tank will not float.

Mr. Glossa states the stream is intermittent. Ms. Catrone states the stream was flowing when she was there.

**Motion made by Mr. Pare, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to issue an Order of Conditions with the condition the disturbed area be revegetated and the pump be maintained every 10 years. Unanimous.**

**Notice of Intent –DEP #338-0665 – 295 Grove Street - Tierney** – Replication

This hearing was continued from the June 27, 2018 meeting to allow the applicant to extend the replication further up the stream bed. Present is Art Allen of EcoTech representing Jack Tierney. Mr. Tierney was required by the Commission to replicate an area in the rear of his property that was cleared and filled.

Mr. Allen states we have submitted a Notice of Intent to rectify the disturbed area. At the last meeting we were asked to extend the stream restoration further upstream to the area where the stream branches out. There were questions raised regarding enhancement to the area near the culvert. We have found that the culvert is on the neighbors’ property. We have proposed replacement of the stream bridge.

Mr. Tierney states he cannot get in the corner area due to vegetation. He is trying to see what was in there.

Mr. Allen states once we figure out what is there we will come back.

**Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to issue an Order of Conditions with the condition the project is substantially completed within three months (mid October).**

**Notice of Intent –DEP #338-0654 – 405 Nahatan Street - Papparazzo** – Wetland Boundary Conformation

The applicant has requested a continuance to the July 25, 2018 meeting.

**Motion made by Mr. Pare, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to continue the hearing to the July 25, 2018 meeting at the request of the applicant. Unanimous.**

**Motion made by Mr. Pare, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous.**